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Senators Huppenthal, Verschoor

### AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-901.04; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; RELATING TO SCHOOL FINANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 9, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 15-901.04, to read:

4       15-901.04. Instructional technology systems grants fund; grant  
5                      application; criteria

6       A. THE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS GRANTS FUND IS ESTABLISHED  
7 CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND DONATIONS. THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE  
9 SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF  
10 SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSLING OF APPROPRIATIONS.

11     B. A SCHOOL IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A CHARTER SCHOOL MAY APPLY TO THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUND. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 EDUCATION, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE E-LEARNING TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED BY  
14 SECTION 15-1044, SHALL RECOMMEND THE FORMAT OF THE APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMEND  
15 APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL  
16 APPROVE THE APPLICATION FORMAT AND SELECTION CRITERIA.

17     C. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS FROM THE FUND TO  
18 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE  
19 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO  
20 SCHOOLS THAT HAVE AN EFFECTIVE PLAN AND THAT DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENT TO  
21 INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE GAINS  
22 THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT.

23     D. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE MONIES FROM THE  
24 FUND SHALL USE THESE MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES TO SIGNIFICANTLY  
25 INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:

26       1. TO UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS IN THE CLASSROOM BY  
27 ADDRESSING ALL SYSTEM ASPECTS, INCLUDING A DIGITAL CURRICULUM, SOFTWARE,  
28 COMPUTER HARDWARE, TECHNICAL SUPPORT, DATA AND LOCAL AREA NETWORKS WITH FILE  
29 SERVERS AND BROADBAND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY.

30       2. TO ENSURE ACCESS TO ONE NETWORKED COMPUTER WITH BROADBAND INTERNET  
31 ACCESS TO STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
32 AGENCY FOR EVERY PUPIL IN EVERY ACADEMIC CLASSROOM.

33       3. TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO TEACHERS ON CLASSROOM APPLICATION AND  
34 INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY.

35       Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education; exemption

36       A. The sum of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
37 in fiscal year 2007-2008 to the department of education to provide  
38 instructional technology systems grants to schools pursuant to section  
39 15-901.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

40       B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
41 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to  
42 lapsing of appropriations.